

China criticises U.S. ban

PEKING (R) — China criticised on Friday a decision by the United States to deny Peking easier access to American high technology following Iran's alleged use of Chinese-made Silkworm missiles in the Gulf. China has repeatedly denied selling anti-ship missiles to Iran although officials have acknowledged that Chinese arms may have reached Tehran unintentionally through a third party. Washington and Peking have agreed within the last year to cooperate closely in some fields of military technology but the United States said on Thursday it would suspend a review of liberalising certain high technology exports to China. Diplomats in Peking said the wider repercussions of the suspension on Sino-U.S. relations were not yet clear but noted that recent criticism by China of U.S. involvement in the Gulf had been moderate. The official New China News Agency said it was "not reasonable at all for the U.S. to halt the review... under the pretext of mounting tension in the Gulf." It is known to all that the current strain in the Gulf area is caused by the sustaining and escalating Iran-Iraq war and further intensified by the military involvement of the big powers there."

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Bourguiba says summit is essential

TUNIS (Petra) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba Friday stressed the importance of the extraordinary Arab summit due to convene in Amman on Nov. 8 saying that the conference was very much needed at "this particular time when the dangers threatening the security of the region are being escalated." Mr. Bourguiba's statement came after a meeting with Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi, who called on the Tunisian president for a review of the preparations for the summit. Mr. Bourguiba and Mr. Klibi also discussed the latest developments in the Gulf and the threats to the region's security and stability.

British chief of staff ends visit

AMMAN (Petra) — The chief of general staff of the British armed forces, General Sir Nigel Bagnall, left Amman on Friday after a six-day official visit to Jordan, during which he met with senior military officials and visited a number of military and archaeological sites. Seeing him at the airport was Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleb and senior aides, Air Force Commander Ihsan Shurdan and the British ambassador to Jordan.

Blast rocks Jerusalem building

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — An explosion shook a Jerusalem apartment block on Friday but claimed no casualties. Police said they presumed Arab activists were responsible for the explosion, which caused some damage. The block is on the western side of Abu Tor, a southern Jerusalem neighbourhood.

U.S. Senate rejects Bork nomination

WASHINGTON (R) — The Senate, in a major defeat for President Ronald Reagan, rejected his nomination of Robert Bork to the U.S. supreme court on Friday. The Senate vote came after three days of bitter debate and almost four months after Mr. Reagan nominated the conservative jurist to replace Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, who resigned.

French actor Ventura dies

PARIS (AP) — Actor Lino Ventura, who portrayed broad-shouldered toughs and husky-voiced detectives in dozens of French thrillers and psychological dramas in a 30-year career, has died at the age of 68. Mr. Ventura, best-known for his role as the police investigator in the award-winning 1981 film "Garde à Vue," died of a heart attack late Thursday night at his home in suburban Saint Cloud, rescue officials said.

Iran-contra report delayed

WASHINGTON (R) — A long-awaited congressional report on the Iran-contra scandal, scheduled for release at the end of the month, will not be out until the second week of November, aides said on Friday.

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Superpowers fall short of full accord on INF and summit; no progress over Mideast

Gorbachev proposes ban on INF testing and deployment

MOSCOW (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said on Friday the superpowers had failed to agree on a date for a new U.S.-Soviet summit and it appeared Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev did not yet want to go to Washington.

Mr. Shultz also told a news conference the United States and the Soviet Union had been unable to reach full agreement on banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles (INF).

Mr. Shultz, speaking after talks with Mr. Gorbachev in the Kremlin, said: "The general secretary is not apparently prepared under present circumstances to set a date to go to Washington."

As for the arms-reduction treaty, Mr. Shultz said, "Of course, we feel very strongly that we must take the time necessary to be satisfied that we have done as much as is possible in the field of verification."

Shortly after Mr. Shultz spoke, the Soviet news agency TASS said Mr. Gorbachev had prop-

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No particular advance made in efforts for Arab-Israeli peace

MOSCOW (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz said on Friday that American and Soviet officials had discussed efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, but they made no progress.

"Of course, the subject has come up, but we haven't made any particular progress in the varying concepts we have about that," Mr. Shultz told reporters after meetings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

"I preceded my trip here by going to the Middle East, and the observations and results of that trip were discussed thoroughly with the Soviet Union in one of our working groups," he said.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan noted in a news conference on Thursday evening in Washington that American officials had been exploring Arab demands that Moscow be involved in an international conference to get peace talks going.

So far Israel prefers not to go

that route," said Mr. Reagan. Mr. Reagan also praised His Majesty King Hussein for his efforts for peace.

"We'd thought for a long time that the Arab nations who were still technically in a state of war with Israel, that they and Israel could get together and should get together," Mr. Reagan said.

"Some of them have, such as the great efforts that King Hussein has made, Mr. Reagan said. The United States has noted "how far he has gone to try and bring this about," the president added.

Mr. Shultz, whom Mr. Reagan mistakenly referred to in his comments as "the secretary-general," discussed prospects for advances

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Wall Street restrains plunge after week of chaos and panic

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market ended its most volatile week since the great depression with a decline in prices Friday, although it showed some signs of stabilising amid continued heavy trading.

Major exchanges closed two hours early to curb the enormous volume building up since Monday's historic collapse, a move traders say helped dampen some of the past volatility.

"We're starting to see some stability," said Thomas Czech, a research director at Blunt Ellis and Loewi. "I think the latest economic figures are really encouraging people."

The government reported Friday that consumer prices rose a modest 0.2 per cent in September while the gross national product surged ahead at 3.8 per cent.

Edward Nicoski, a technical analyst for Piper Jaffray and Hopwood Inc., said he was seeing more interest among individual investors.

"We're seeing positive money flow today," he said. "Our retail clients are just buying. They think some of the blue chips are the best buys in many years."

Mr. Nicoski said some investors who had fled to the credit markets following Monday's collapse were now taking profits

from bonds and putting that back into equities.

Still, many traders feel the market has a long way to go before it's back on its feet.

The Dow Jones average skidded when trading opened Friday morning, following stock losses in Tokyo and London (See page 7). But the benchmark barometer of the nation's 30 blue-chip companies rallied in later trading, showing a 20-point gain at one stage.

Following Thursday's tumble of 77.42 points, the average's loss for the week stood at just under 400 points.

Rafsanjani restates conditional offer to halt attacks

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iran's top war spokesman said on Friday that Tehran was ready to close the file on attacks on oil installations and shipping in the Gulf if the United States and Arab states halted Iraqi attacks.

But speaking 24 hours after a missile slammed into Kuwait's main offshore oil export terminal, Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani warned Iran had many "invisible projectiles" to use if Iraq were not curbed.

Iran has "repeatedly told" the U.S. and the Gulf states "to tell" Iraq "not to attack our ships and oil interests in the Gulf so that your ships and interests are not hit," Tehran Radio quoted Mr. Rafsanjani as telling worshippers at Tehran's mass Friday prayer meeting.

"Although you have not yet been able to prove the missiles which destroy your interests are fired by Iran, but we now say: Declare your neutrality and we will consider the matter closed."

Iran's national news agency IRNA said Mr. Rafsanjani predicted "total defeat" for the U.S. military build-up in the Gulf which started in July to protect from Iranian attack Kuwaiti oil tankers re-registered to fly the American flag.

Mr. Rafsanjani said the U.S. had lost more in men, material and prestige than Iran in the stand-off in the Gulf, which included American helicopter attacks on an Iranian vessel and three patrol boats, and naval attacks on two Iranian offshore oil platforms on Monday.

But he said Washington and its allies had a way out and offered three options:

"Either tell the Iraqi regime not to hit our ships in the Gulf, or formally declare your neutrality in the war and stop the financial and military support given to Iraq by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, or declare the aggressor (in the Iran-Iraq war)."

"Then we will not initiate (further attacks)... but if you do not choose one of these three paths you should know that... the Islamic Republic of Iran has many such invisible projectiles."



King urges world community to work for strengthening U.N.

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein said Friday that the United Nations, despite its noted achievements, had not been successful in realising the goals for which it was established and urged member states to work towards strengthening the international body and preserving its principal tenets.

"Our contemporary world is still a witness to several tragedies, wars and conflicts before which the international community stands helpless," the King said in a message sent to the U.N. on the occasion of the 42nd anniversary of the world body. "The best example is what we see in our area — the non-implementation of international legitimacy concerning the Arab-Israel conflict, the Iran-Iraq war

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Kuwait boosts defences, seeks world condemnation of Iran

Damage in Silkworm attack said to be slight

Combined agency dispatches

KUWAIT has boosted its missile defences and launched a campaign to seek international denunciation of Iran for a missile attack on its main loading terminal.

Kuwait activated contingency plans to offset the lost pumping capacity by increased use of other facilities.

Thursday's missile strike on Kuwait was the third in a week, including two that hit tankers in its waters, and Kuwait was attempting to drum up diplomatic support for its main loading terminal.

According to sources quoted by AP, additional Hawk surface-to-air missiles have been deployed north of Kuwait's tanker terminal to try to shoot down Iranian Silkworm weapons before they reach vital petroleum facilities.

AP quoted its source, which it identified only as an official of the state-owned Kuwait Oil Company, as saying that damage to the offshore Sea Island supertanker dock was slight following Thursday's Iranian missile attack, the third on Kuwaiti oil installations in eight days.

As salvage crews cleared rubble and contained an oil slick oozing into the Gulf, Kuwait sought world condemnation of Iran for the Silkworm missile attack. AP quoted sources as saying it would be some time before the terminal was fully functional, although the overall effect on Kuwait's petroleum exports would be limited.

Kuwaiti officials said five workers were slightly injured in the missile attack, which set fire in the deep-water loading terminal that pumps about one-third of Kuwait's crude oil exports into giant supertankers of 250,000 tons in eight days.

Kuwait said the missile was a Chinese-made Silkworm missile fired by Iranian forces occupying Iraq's Fao Peninsula 100 kilometres away. The U.S. Defense Department confirmed the identity of the weapon in a statement released Thursday.

Shipping sources said cleanup crews cleared away rubble among the bent and scorched piping on Friday while environmental experts used chemical detergents in

an action designed to destabilise the Gulf region and endanger Arab shipping.

Sheikh Jaber thanked the King for his concern and expressed his country's appreciation of Jordan's solidarity with and support for Kuwait and its people and the Arab Nation at large.

Saudi Arabia condemned Iran for the attack and fellow Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member Bahrain called Iran's

charge d'affaires for discussions. "Saudi Arabia condemns anew the repeated Iranian attacks on the security and sovereignty of an Arab Gulf country, and affirms its total support of Kuwait against this Iranian aggression," the Saudi Press Agency quoted an official source as saying.

Bahrain's Gulf News Agency said Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Mubarak Al Khalifa told the Iranian charge d'affaires the attack was a serious escalation of the situation and increased tensions in the region.

According to KOTC official quoted by AP, additional Hawk missiles "are now in operation" at Faylakah Island 40 kilometres north of the vital terminal.

A Western diplomat and an informed Kuwaiti source said some of the U.S.-made missiles had been on Faylakah for some time. But the KOTC official said deployment of additional missile batteries there began Thursday.

The new deployment was not immediately reported by the Defense Ministry, but the KOTC official said there would be an announcement later.

Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah said Thursday the Silkworm that hit Sea Island was fired from Fao, adding that Kuwait was "in the process of adopting measures to deal with this type of missile."

The KOTC official said the additional Hawks were moved from other parts of Kuwait to Faylakah, which is directly in the path of missiles fired from Fao as they streak towards the oil terminal area.

Hawk missiles are designed to shoot down aircraft, but a Western military expert in London told AP they should be effective against the slow-moving Silkworms.

Last week, the Kuwaiti military unsuccessfully tried to shoot down one of the Silkworms as it

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Reagan may strengthen warning to Iran with Stinger supplies to Gulf states

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The United States has bolstered a warning to Iran from President Ronald Reagan with hints of providing new defensive missiles to Arab Gulf states.

Mr. Reagan, holding his first White House news conference for seven months on Thursday, said Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini "is in a war and if he's going to go on with provocative acts against us or anyone else then he's running a great risk because we are going to respond."

A few hours earlier, a State Department spokesman said the United States was considering the sale of a limited number — less than 100, officials said — of shoulder-fired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Bahrain.

U.S. warships attacked two Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf on Monday in retaliation for an Iranian missile strike on a U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti ship in Kuwaiti waters.

Mr. Reagan told his news conference: "We've said if attacked we're going to defend ourselves and we're certainly going to con-

time this task and we've now been joined by a number of other nations in keeping the sea lanes open."

Replying to a reporter who asked if he had miscalculated in his Gulf policy in the light of clashes between U.S. and Iranian forces in the region, Mr. Reagan said: "I don't think we miscalculated on anything at all. We're not there to start a war."

Asked whether he could stop Ayatollah Khomeini, Mr. Reagan said: "We're not going to sit there... we're going to try to point out to him that it is a little too expensive to keep this up."

Mr. Reagan added: "If we did not retaliate as we did recently, he still would have done again what he did the first time."

Defence officials told Reuters that Kuwait could also put Stingers to good use against slow-flying Silkworm missiles.

They said Bahrain had little to fear from Silkworms because of their limited range but that Stingers could protect Bahrain's oilfields against any air attack.

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20 rounded up after Syrian soldier shot dead in west Beirut

Gunmen kidnap Palestinian businessman

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Syrian troops searched houses and rounded up about 20 men in a residential district of mainly Muslim west Beirut before dawn Friday, hours after gunmen shot and killed a Syrian soldier and wounded another, police said.

It was the second reported fatality among Syrian forces, who deployed in west Beirut last February, in escalating attacks against the peace-keepers.

The crackdown also was apparently designed at curbing a resurgence of violence in the capital's western sector, which aimed at discrediting Syria's law-enforcing effort, police said. Two rival leftist militia officials were killed and a Palestinian businessman was kidnapped in the past 24 hours in west Beirut, they reported.

The bullet-riddled body of kidnapped leftist militia official Tewfik Safadi was found in the sea-side Raouche district, a police spokesman said.

Safadi, 36, was abducted late Thursday from the offices of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party's (SSNP) Sabah Al Kheir magazine in west Beirut's Mosseibeh district.

The killing was in apparent retaliation for the assassination earlier Thursday of Habib Keyrouz, 35, spokesman for a rival SSNP wing.

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, said the killings were linked to a power struggle gripping the SSNP for the last six months, during which several other members of the party's rival factions were liquidated.

The SSNP advocates the merger of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Palestine, Kuwait and Cyprus into a secular greater Syria. It has a militia that fought along-

districts of west Beirut last week.

A Syrian soldier was killed and two others were wounded on May 13 in a car bomb blast at west Beirut's seaside boulevard.

The escalating attacks against the Syrians coincided with a resurgence of ransom kidnappings in Beirut's western sector.

Three gunmen in a white Volvo Sedan kidnapped Palestinian businessman Badr Fahoun in west Beirut Thursday, one week after Christian jeweller Simon Bouri was abducted in the city's western sector.

Habib Loufalah, a wealthy Lebanese Christian who also holds Egyptian nationality, was kidnapped in west Beirut early this month. The police spokesman said his family received a ransom demand of one million dollars which was not met.

No group had claimed responsibility for the abductions which police said were carried out for ransom.

The three kidnap victims remain missing. The families of Fahoun and Bouri refuse to say whether ransoms have been demanded.

The spokesman said police have also noted a "sharp increase" in the rate of car thefts, house robberies and similar crimes in the past three weeks.

The escalation of violence in west Beirut, according to the spokesman, "obviously aims at discrediting the Syrians as law enforcers." He did not elaborate.

Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, deployed 7,500 troops in west Beirut on Feb. 22 in an effort to end three years of chaotic militia rule during which bank holdups, robberies and kidnaps marked daily life in the

city's western sector.

The rocket, according to the police spokesman, was "most probably targeted at the Syrian checkpoint, but narrowly missed it."

He said two explosive charges attached to timing devices were found and "safely defused" near Syrian army checkpoints in other

House bill to support U.S. Gulf policy

WASHINGTON (USA) — Members of both political parties introduced legislation in the House of Representatives on Oct. 22 that would automatically invoke the War Powers Act and endorse the U.S. presence in the Gulf.

Foreign Affairs Committee

members Stephen Solarz and Benjamin Gilman, who together drafted the bill, said at press conference that it is a compromise to reassess congressional authority while supporting President Reagan's Gulf policies.

"This bill protects the interests of both Congress and the presi-

dent," said Mr. Solarz. "But best of all, it protects the interests of the United States."

Mr. Solarz, a Democrat, declared that the bill "clearly and legally" establishes the relevance of the War Powers Act for the situation in the Gulf.

The statement in the bill protects the interests of both Congress and the president.

Islamic Jihad threatens U.S., Europe

BEIRUT (R) — The pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad (holier war) organisation has threatened to strike at the United States and Europe, saying thousands of Gulf Muslims were poised for suicide attacks.

The Islamic Jihad statement, sent to an international news agency in Beirut, was accompanied by black-and-white photographs of two of its hostages — American journalist Terry Anderson and Frenchman Jean-

Paul Kauffmann.

"The coming few days will reveal to the world America's paper-thin ability in confronting the Muslims... the conditions of the Europeans will not be any better," it said.

The statement was issued one day after Iran vowed to avenge Monday's U.S. Navy attacks on Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf. U.S. missiles have been put on high alert around the world in

accompanying colour photographs of the U.S. Marine and French military headquarters in Beirut before two suicide bombers struck on October 23, killing about 300 servicemen.

The statement said suicide attacks on American and French bases would be "repeated in other Muslim states very soon."

Alshuler estimated that there are now between 1.5 and 1.6 million Jews in the Soviet Union. — The Jerusalem Post.

Soviet Jews reportedly number 1.5m

CLOSE to half of Soviet Jews marry non-Jews, and the vast majority of the children of these mixed marriages choose to register as non-Jews.

These findings were reported yesterday by Dr. Mordechai Alshuler of the Hebrew University to the World Jewish Population Conference being held this week in Jerusalem.

He said that children of mixed marriages are allowed to choose the nationality of either their mother or father when they receive their identity cards at age 16, and that between 80 and 90 per cent register as non-Jews.

The Italian government confirmed last week, after news of the kidnappings emerged in Beirut, that the three engineers had been abducted in northern Iraq several weeks ago.

Iran claims having over 16 Stingers

PEKING (R) — Iran said on Friday it had many more than 16 U.S.-made Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and these could help create an inferno for American forces in the Gulf.

Replies to questions at a news conference, Iran's ambassador to China, Alaeeddin Broujerdi, would not say how his country got the Stinger missiles but the number of them was "much bigger" than the 16 which had been reported in the international press.

According to the reports Afghan guerrillas provided Iran with the missiles.

"To say that the Islamic Republic of Iran is equipped with various sophisticated missiles, including American-made Stinger missiles, will prove in the future, when we lose our patience, what an inferno could be created for American forces in the Gulf," said an embassy statement issued at the news conference.

The ambassador claimed that Iran had captured Chinese-made Silkworm missiles as war booty from Iraq and had made its own copies of these but that it had bought no Silkworms or any other arms from Peking.

Because the Silkworms had been acquired in this way, Iran faced no limitation on the use it could make of them in case of necessity, he said.

He said he thought the Gulf situation would strengthen Sino-Iranian ties rather than create difficulties.

The Palestinian guerrillas say Amal wants to dominate the camps and reduce their ability to protect their own people.

U.S. freezes high-tech exports to China over arms sales to Iran

PEKING (AP) — U.S. sanctions against China for allegedly selling arms to Iran add a new element of discord in relations already strained by U.S. criticism of Peking's policies in Tibet.

China had no immediate reaction to a State Department announcement Thursday that the government was freezing types of high-tech items China could buy because of "rising tensions" in the Gulf.

The move followed more than a year of U.S. diplomatic pressure on China to stop selling Iran Silkworm missiles used in recent attacks on a U.S.-flagged tanker and an oil terminal in Kuwaiti waters.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said that in light of the Gulf situation, the United States has halted a decade-old process of

lifting restrictions on high-tech products sought by the Chinese.

China will keep getting equipment already approved for sale, but plans to approve new items have been cancelled, she said.

The move was not designed to hurt the Chinese economy, but to send China a signal of U.S. displeasure with the missile sales, she added.

U.S. officials, since revealing the presence in Iran of the Chinese-made anti-ship missiles in March, have said China has become the main arms supplier for Iran. The estimated \$1 billion in annual sales have reportedly provided China badly needed foreign currency to modernise its own armed forces.

China has consistently denied it provides arms to Iran.

"We have stated on many occasions that China does not sell

arms or missiles to Iran," Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Yuzhen said Wednesday.

Chinese officials acknowledge, however, that arms could make their way to Iran through international arms markets and other third parties. Premier Zhao Ziyang, in an interview with the U.S. NBC Television Network last month, said China had "taken note of the international reaction" in this connection. We will make our efforts to prevent the weapons China exports from being acquired by Iran or Iraq through other channels."

The decision to stop liberalising high-tech exports to China touches another raw nerve. China has long complained, and U.S. officials have agreed, that the United States has been excessively slow in loosening restrictions on high-tech sales.

fore being summoned on Oct. 5, and is expected to return at the end of this month, the paper said.

Other reports say that Khomeini has been in a long depression, and point to his most recent public address in which he stopped in the middle of a verse from the Koran.

U.S. probes outboard motor shipments to Iran

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's leading manufacturer of outboard motors is under investigation in connection with alleged shipments of engines to Iran, according to a company spokesman,

"We do not make shipments to Iran, nor do we allow the transhipment of our motors to Iran by our overseas customers," said spokesman Laurin Baker of the Outboard Marine Corp. in near-Waukegan.

"We were informed that the government was investigating possible violations of customs laws," Baker said in a telephone

interview. "We have a strong interest in this investigation and are cooperating in every way possible."

According to reports on Chicago television stations WBBM-TV, WMAQ-TV and WLS-TV, federal authorities spotted the American-made motors while monitoring Iranian television footage of armed speedboats being used by that country's forces in the Gulf.

Porn queen urges Shamir to agree on peace

TEL AVIV (AP) — A Kurdish guerrilla group has linked a fate of three Italian engineers abducted in Iraq to the seizure in Italy of a freighter carrying arms to the Gulf, the Italian News Agency ANSA has reported.

The agency quoted a spokesman in Paris for the Patriotic Union of Iraqi Kurdistan, which has claimed responsibility for the kidnappings, as saying the group believed arms found on the Qatari-registered freighter Fatihkhan were intended for Iraq.

If the Italian government refuses to consign the arms to the Ba'athist regime in Baghdad, it will help negotiations to release the three Italian engineers, ANSA quoted the spokesman as saying in a telephone call to its Paris office.

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Cicciolina
cicciolina appeared in a sequined, adjustable gown, clutching a pink stuffed elephant, a garland of flowers on her dyed blond hair.

But she was not all skin and groans. The recently elected member of parliament for Italy's giddy Radical Party had a political message to reveal as well. "I came here as a representative of love," Cicciolina said. "I do not want to see hate in the Middle East."

Chiding Israel's coalition government leaders for quarreling over the best means to advance the peace process, she urged Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to agree among themselves so they could unite the world.

"Try to sit together around the peace table, pardon those who you consider terrorists, and reconcile yourselves," she urged, speaking in Italian which was translated for the crowd.

Her message made no impression on Avraham Shapira, a legislator for the ultra-orthodox Agudat Yisrael Party.

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Home news**Amman spruces up for Nov. 8 Arab summit**

By Alistair Lyon

Reuter

AMMAN — Workers in orange overalls hunt down litter in near-spotted streets, steam-rollers flatten newly-laid asphalt and green army tents blossom on waste ground.

Amman, hosting next month's emergency Arab summit, is sprucing up in round-the-clock whirl of road-building and a flurry of new paint, trees, lights and flags.

The mayor of Greater Amman, Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, estimated the bill at about \$7.5 million, half of which would be spent on materials.

"We are diverting resources, slowing work elsewhere to finish preparations by the end of this month," he said.

The government has reserved half a dozen five-star hotels for the potentates and presidents of the Arab League, due to gather in Amman on Nov. 8.

Security, a top concern here even when no distinguished visitors are in town, will be paramount.

"We will take the maximum security measures and precautions to guarantee the security and comfort of the heads of state and their entourages," Interior Minister Rajai Dajani told Reuter.

Leaders expected to attend range from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Hafez Al Assad of Syria to Iraqi President

Saddam Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

To keep them safe, authorities will seal off city blocks near the luxury hotels and the Royal Cultural Centre, a sleek white concrete-and-glass building where the summit will open and end.

Mr. Dajani said he had ordered a search and census in the area, part of Amman's wealthy Shmeisani district. Residents have been screened and given permits for themselves and their cars.

Heads of state will stay and hold their working sessions at the nine-floor Plaza Hotel, which opened nine months ago.

Louis Caviezel, manager of the Plaza Hotel, said all Arab kings, princes, sultans and presidents would get the same quality rooms. "We are treating them alike," he said.

Adjoining the Plaza is Amman's biggest office block and shopping centre, which will shut for 9 days from Nov. 2. A skeleton staff will take reservations for the national airline Royal Jordanian, housed in the pyramid-shaped complex.

Security men will also keep a mobile army at arm's length. More than 200 Arab and foreign journalists have asked for accreditation, but apart from a photo session at the opening, they will have to be content with official coverage on closed circuit television at a press centre half a kilometre away.

Task force on floods begins recovery plans

AMMAN (J.T.) — A task force

formed upon the directives of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to research ways to assist farmers severely affected by the recent floods in the Balqa and Zarqa governorates met under the chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud.

The minister, addressing the Thursday meeting, emphasised the importance of coordinating the efforts of all concerned authorities for confronting future floods.

The formation of the task-force, the minister said, was not solely for assessing damages and providing help, but also to study circumstances in which these farmers live, so that assistance can be provided automatically whenever needed, under similar conditions, in the future.

Mr. Hmoud reiterated Prince Hassan's call for conducting a social survey in the stricken regions to provide information for the planners and the authorities involved in the recovery efforts.

Several members of the task force spoke at the meeting and provided information about the conditions which led to the heavy material losses during the flood, which hit both regions last Saturday. They said that the presence of homes and farms in the way of water streams, the closure of a number of culverts and also the absence of an early-warning alarm system to warn the farmers of the coming danger contributed

to the great losses.

There was a general review of the situation, which was followed by a discussion on what government departments can do to address similar tragedies in the future.

At the end of the meeting, it was announced that two subcommittees were formed in the Balqa and Zarqa governorates, headed by their respective provincial governors, to look into separate measures for confronting any further floods. These subcommittees will have to report on their work at the task force's next meeting, which has been scheduled for Wednesday.

Attending the meeting were the undersecretaries of the ministries of agriculture, public works, and labour and social development, as well as the directors of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation, the Jordan Valley Authority, the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the National Aid Fund, the district governors of Shmeisani and the directors of departments in the Balqa and Zarqa governorates.

Last Tuesday, Prince Hassan toured the stricken areas in the Jordan Valley region near Shmeisani and met farmers and their families. He immediately ordered the formation of a joint task force to deal with the situation and to provide assistance to the people in the affected areas.

Gunfire wounds eight at village wedding celebration

AMMAN (J.T.) — A wedding guest firing a burst of celebration gunfire dropped his Kalashnikov assault rifle and wounded eight people at a village in Jordan.

The North Badia chief of police told *Al Ra'i* Arabic newspaper the accident occurred at Jaber village near the northern town of Mafrak.

Official attempts to discourage gunfire at weddings are widely ignored, especially in the countryside where many families own weapons.

In Salt, the governor of Balqa, Muhammed Al Khrisheh, has

approved a number of measures aimed at discouraging gunfire at weddings and other occasions. One of these measures calls for the imposition of a fine of JD 100.000 for use of firearms on such occasions, in addition to the penalty provided for in the law.

The governor also decided to ban the use of megaphones and public address systems and the use of car horns during wedding motorcades. These measures were announced on Thursday, after a meeting at the government attended by all provincial governors.

More rain, decrease in temperature expected

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Department of Meteorology expects more rain and a decrease in temperature Saturday due to a depression centred over Cyprus.

The department director, Ali Abada, said that the depression, which formed on Thursday, would continue to affect the coming 24 hours. He added that the depression was accompanied by a cold front that led to the formation of clouds and rainfall over most of the Kingdom, and particularly in the northern and central regions.

PSD sources said on Friday that Jerash Bridge area was experiencing heavy rains and strong winds, and advised motorists to drive carefully along that road. In Hammamat Afra area in Tafileh, the heavy downpour resulted in a landslide. Fifteen women who happened to be in the area were saved by teams from the Civil Defence.

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The Public Security Department (PSD) on Thursday issued a warning to motorists, citing poor visibility. The PSD said that Al Safawi Al Rweished Road in the eastern part of the Kingdom was closed due to the high level of precipitation.

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Jordan seeks remote sensing technology to locate resources

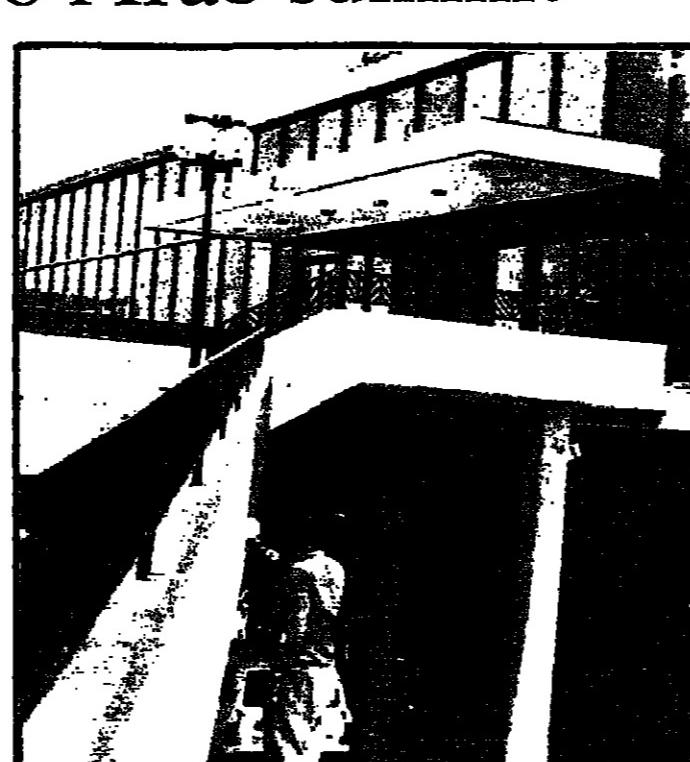
AMMAN (J.T.) — Participants in a five-day seminar on the application of remote sensing, which began here on Thursday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, discussed on Friday a number of working papers on environmental sciences, agriculture and desertification.

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Dr. Abada also outlined the importance of using satellites for monitoring climatic elements and changes, in addition to characteristics of the earth's surface. One of the reasons for desertification is the increase of population in dry areas, which results in greater demand for food, Dr. Abada noted.

The director of the RJGC, Ra'fat Al Majali, said that remote sensing means testing things from remote locations using photos of the earth taken from the sky at different altitudes. He noted that satellites have contributed to discovering natural resources through surveys and updating of maps. Mr. Majali added



The stairway to the Royal Cultural Centre is painted as part of preparations for the Arab summit, which will open and end at the centre (photo by Yousef Al Allan)

gravity from downtown to the richer Jabal Amman area.

The property market is now depressed and a master plan for the city to the year 2005 has been drawn up, banning the exuberant development of new areas and

seeking to improve services and infrastructure within present city limits. "Not long ago this was a concrete jungle," Mr. Rawabdeh said. "Now we have planted 50 public gardens and a million trees."

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In his opening speech, he outlined the importance of remote sensing as a means for discovering natural resources. Remote sensing, he said, is useful for pinpointing the sites where water, natural resources and minerals are hidden underground, enabling the authorities to tap them. Remote sensing is also a tool for predicting natural disasters and thus, enables authorities to avert their serious consequences, the minister added.

Addressing the opening session later was Dr. Majali, who also underlined the importance of remote sensing as an effective tool for discovering natural resources. The ISPRS president said in his speech that 75 nations are now members of this international society, including nine Arab countries. Taking part in the meeting are delegates from 18 Arab and foreign countries.

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Swedish photographers portray animals in natural environments

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A tour round the photographs of Sweden on exhibition this week at the Alia Art Gallery has the same effect on the mind and body as a long and refreshing walk in the country. The deep, rich greens of the pastures and forests, the blues of the ever-present rivers, lakes and waterways, the abundance and variety of wildlife, as well as the quality and extreme clarity of the photographs are as exhilarating as crisp mountain air — an air these shot almost exude.

The photographs are the work of a group of Swedish photographers called Naturfotograferna N, which was established in 1966 to counteract the appearance of fake animal photography — the use of stuffed or zoo animals in natural surroundings — which had sprung up in Sweden, as well as in other countries.

Naturfotograferna N work for the elimination of "photographic pollution;" their prime ambition is not to take spectacular action photographs of animals; rather they seek to document the animal in its natural environment. They are very careful, at the same time, not to disturb the animals and, thus they never take photographs of rare or easily-frightened birds at nest. The work of Naturfotograferna N; and their environmentally aware approach, has stimulated the creation of similar associations in many other European countries.

Taken with different versions

exploited.

The minister expressed hope for further international cooperation, especially between advanced and developing countries for the sake of exploiting natural resources still concealed underground and, therefore, to help solve current economic problems from which many poor nations still suffer.

He also urged scientists and researchers to increase their cooperation in the drawing up of maps, with the help of remote sensing, to discover underground water. Dr. Khatib referred to Jordan's establishment of a remote sensing unit in 1985 with United Nations' help and said that this unit will offer training to personnel from Jordan and other Arab countries.

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Hamzeh, Arab group attend int'l AIDS conference

PARIS (J.T.) — Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh, now in Paris to attend an international conference on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), met here with French ministers in charge of education, health and planning to discuss health cooperation between France and Jordan.

Earlier, the minister chaired a meeting of Arab delegates to the conference to discuss health measures for travellers in Arab countries, in addition to subjects on the international conference's agenda.

Dr. Hamzeh was appointed chairman of the Arab delegation to the conference during a meeting of the Council of Arab Health Ministers held in Baghdad at the beginning of October.

As Dr. Hamzeh left for Paris, a report by the Health Ministry revealed the discovery of 12 cases of AIDS in Jordan, eight of which are Jordanians, and the rest, foreigners who have left the country.

In a related development, doctors from the University of Jordan answered questions about AIDS at a Wednesday-evening conference.

Addressing a crowd of people at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation, Dr. Mohammad Al Khatib said that all of those who have AIDS in Jordan contracted the disease while abroad.

Parliament today presents replies to King's speech

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Upper House (Senate) and Lower House of Parliament will today present their separate replies to His Majesty King Hussein's speech from the throne, delivered at the official convening of Parliament on Oct. 10.

Both replies to be presented at an official ceremony to be held at the Royal Court were endorsed by the Senate and the Lower House last Saturday. The replies are expected to reaffirm Parliament's support of the government's policy, as contained in the speech from the throne, covering Jordan's national, pan-Arab and international policies.

The Lower House is scheduled to hold a session on Saturday morning to refer a number of draft laws to its various committees for endorsement.

According to observers, one of the most important bills to be referred by the Lower House to its Legal Committee is a draft law to ratify an agreement signed

between Jordan and Syria in late August, to build the Al Wahidah dam. The landmark unity agreement revives a long-delayed water project to irrigate tracts of the Jordan Valley and generate hydroelectric power. The project will dam the Yarmouk, a Jordan River tributary, and will be carried out at an initial cost of \$230 million.

According to the agreement, Jordan would use stored winter floodwaters mainly for irrigation and drinking, while Syria would get 75 per cent of the hydroelectric power and 25 per cent of the water.

According to Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud, the dam would hold back 222 million cubic metres of water, and the reservoir

would take one to two years to fill.

Other draft laws to be referred by the Lower House to the various committees are: a 1987 amendment to the country's penal code; and a 1987 draft law to set up a judicial institute to qualify personnel and enable them to assume judicial positions on the basis of ability and free competition.

These three laws tackling various aspects of the judiciary system are seen as part of the government's efforts to modernise legislation and to safeguard the independence and immunity of the judiciary, in order to ensure the upholding of justice for all citizens.

The draft laws addressing the Al Wahidah dam and the three dams on the judiciary system were mentioned in His Majesty King Hussein's Oct. 10 speech from the throne.

Railways conference ends with call for upgrading networks

AMMAN (J.T.) — Participants in a four-day symposium on railways, which concluded here on Friday, expressed appreciation to His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for the hospitality and warm welcome accorded to them.

In a cable they sent on Friday at the conclusion of the conference, they thanked the Jordanian government for hosting the meetings and expressed appreciation to Minister of Transport Ahmad Dakhaqan.

At Friday's session, Mr. Jean Elias, honorary president of the French Railway stations, delivered a speech on behalf of all participants, in which he expressed appreciation to Jordan for the hospitality they received during

the symposium. Mr. Elias praised the efforts made by the Arab Railways Federation (ARF) to make this symposium a success.

The secretary-general of the ARF, Murhaf Al Sabouni, also thanked participants for their great contribution, saying that their active participation had contributed to making the symposium a success and to enriching railway specialists with valuable information.

On Thursday, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan met with participants in the symposium, which was opened under his patronage at the Plaza Hotel on Tuesday. The Crown Prince voiced his appreciation to the participants for their efforts to achieve integration in railway communication among Arab states and emphasised that railways can help to strengthen the Arab economy, as well as link with all Arab countries.

The participants presented Prince Hassan with the symposium's shield in expression of their appreciation.

The four-day symposium heard a speech by Prince Hassan, delivered on his behalf by Transport Minister Ahmad Dakhaqan, in which he said that railways form the backbone of overland transportation in a majority of nations due to their relatively low operational costs and high standards of safety. He urged the participants to help develop railway systems in the Arab World, in order to boost Arab economic and social development.

JTV denies reports of plans to expand Hebrew-language newscast

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan Television (JTV) Friday denied an Israeli press report that JTV intended to expand or double its Hebrew-language 30-minute newscast.

"There is no such plan," JTV News Director Ibrahim Shahzada told the Jordan Times in response to a report published by the Israeli Haaretz daily. He said "never" when asked whether JTV had ever considered such a plan.

The Israeli newspaper was quoting a man it identified as Mahmud Huseif speaking in a telephone interview from Amman with the newspaper's reporter, who is based in Jordan. It said the man was the director of Jordan Television. The director-general of JTV is Mr. Nasouh Majali.

Mr. Shahzada said he did not know any man with the name Mahmud Huseif at JTV. "I wonder where this so-called prestigious newspaper came with its report from. We don't have such a name."

Haaretz said JTV decided to double its Hebrew broadcast because of a protracted labour dispute that has silenced Israeli television transmissions. Broadcasts from Jordan are received in

Randa Berouti exhibition opens tonight

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Friday's

Al Ra'i: Jordan backs Kuwait

KING Hussein call the emir of Kuwait by telephone Thursday to express Jordan's total backing for his country in the face of Iran's aggression and to condemn Iran's treacherous actions. The emir replied by voicing his appreciation of Jordan's solidarity with Kuwait at this crucial moment and by praising Jordan's stands. The King's attitude reflects a true national stand and an expression of national commitment to supporting Arab brothers faced with Iranian aggression. Iran bent on escalating the tension and the conflict in the Gulf region and harming the Arab Order; and perhaps it is directing its efforts towards ruining the coming summit meeting in Amman. The Iranians perhaps think that their actions will intimidate the Arabs and will abort their meeting. These are hostile attitudes and a manifestation of aggressive nature on the part of Iran designed to threaten the Arab countries. What the Arabs ought to do now is to forego their differences and rise up to the level of the challenges. These Iranian acts of aggression should serve as motives for uniting Arab forces, pooling their resources and taking a firm stand that can deter the common enemy from committing further hostile actions.

Al Dustour: Supporting Kuwait

KING Hussein's show of support for Kuwait in the face of Iran's aggression is an expression of Jordan's solidarity with the Arab countries. In word and in deed Jordan has been coordinating its position with those of other Arab states and extending help whenever it is need to Arab brothers everywhere. Jordan regards this new act of aggression on the part of Iran on Kuwait and its oil installation as one more step in Tehran's programme of escalating tension in the Gulf and involving other parties in the conflict. With this new act of aggression the Iranian regime has thus added one more black point to its long record of aggression and hostile actions against the Arab countries, proving once again, the treacherous nature of the Iranian rulers. This attack on Kuwait opens the way for further deterioration in the situation in the Gulf that could lead to a total loss of security. This Iranian aggression directed against an Arab country and its economic interests is also bound to open the way for more foreign intervention in the Gulf region and to polarisation. It has become clear that Iran is intent on enlarging the circle of war and increasing threats to all countries of the region.

Sawt Al Shaab: Murphy in Mideast

IT is not clear yet if Richard Murphy's current visit to the Middle East is complementary to a tour conducted earlier by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. We do not know yet if he is carrying new proposals that could persuade Israel to change its present position and abandon its intransigence as to the idea of an international peace conference. One has to wait and see whether the U.S. is exercising any pressure on Tel Aviv for accepting the idea of an international conference or whether Washington is going along with Israel's idea of rejecting the conference. If the U.S. fails to achieve peace in our region this will reflect negatively on its credibility world-wide since it is a superpower that should be working for the achievement of peace. The Middle East is an important region and considered as the key to peace in other parts of the world. Regardless of what the Americans' intentions are, one has to remember that the Israelis will continue to blow up all chances for establishing peace.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Shultz' failure

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz described his failure in talks during his recent Middle East tour by saying that he was not able to achieve any progress in the peace process. Instead of emphasising U.S. commitment towards the establishment of peace by being a superpower, Shultz said that his country feels that the Middle East region is in need of peace and that Washington would pursue its efforts to achieve that goal. What is clear to us from these statements is the fact that Washington is careful to deny the fact that Israel's actions constitute a real danger for peace and that such actions continue to abort all attempts aimed at establishing security and peace in the region. The real problem that the U.S. should address is Israel's refusal of peace bids and its denial of Palestinian people's rights and rejection of all calls for achieving peace with its neighbours. Israel continues to place obstacles in the path of peace, and it openly announces that it will not return any part of the land it has been occupying since 1967, and so it rejects the idea of an international conference and does not accept the idea of swapping land for peace. Therefore, it is not surprising to see Shultz announcing his failure to change Israel's position. Shultz met a failure of another kind during his latest trip when he failed to persuade the Arabs to abandon their position and their concept of the international peace conference.

Al Dustour: King's visit to Moscow

A Soviet invitation to King Hussein to visit Moscow before the end of the year represents another evidence of the eminent position the monarch assumes at international level. The King spearheads a most prominent role within the Arab World to find a just solution for the Middle East problem and end the Gulf conflict. Jordan, under King Hussein, has been assuming a diplomatic role that won the support and backing of the Soviet Union which had been calling for an international conference as a forum for implementing U.N. Security Council resolutions on the Middle East. With regard to the Gulf conflict, Jordan holds a similar view to that of the Soviet Union and vehemently calls for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to bring about peace to the Gulf region. The Soviet Union which continues to back the just causes of the Arab World has proved the years that it is a major power concerned with the establishment of genuine peace.

VIEW FROM AMMAN

By Kamel Abu Jaber

Realities before the Arab summit in Amman

"OH LORD have mercy on our leaders, guide them and have them have mercy on their people now and the destiny of our nation in the future". As I utter this prayer, my mind probes the Arab universe in an attempt to penetrate the mind and the heart of our people, so utterly confused not so much by the severity of the challenges we face but by our complete failure to respond adequately. As if our mind has detached itself from our body; so utterly oblivious to the torture and the pain it is currently undergoing. I am sure similar mute prayers are currently screaming in the mind and the heart of every Arab.

No miracles are expected though some rational steps should be taken in the right direction. That our twenty leaders, all of whom will hopefully, finally decide to come, will agree to meet regularly: once every one or two years to consider the mess we are in and the problems before us. That these meetings will take place though the ideological differences may appear vast for I, like millions of Arabs ask: "How can we ever aspire to have a responsible democratic dialogue on the popular level if twenty two people cannot?" It is not only sad but tragic that such a question need be posed in the first place.

In the heart of every Arab, the hope still lingers that some day the miracle of Arab unity will be achieved: One day in the future. For the moment all that is asked of our leaders is to lay aside their problems and conflicts and concentrate on the major problems threatening the very existence of our civilisation; to agree to set these problems aside while maintaining each country's claim to what it considers its right for the future, when the challenges may

not be so great. We do expect some rationality in the ordering of our affairs, our priorities. That is the least common denominator necessary for survival and it is truly not too much to ask. Remember that we are being chopped up and devoured while alive, piece by piece.

On October 20, 1987, just eighteen days before the summit, Iranian leaders threatened us and the world, that the war in the Gulf would continue until Iran gets what it wants. On the western front of the Arab World, Yitzhak Shamir, Premier of Israel, said that the Arabs must learn to live with the reality that Israel will not withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza and that Jerusalem is forever united. Both Israel and Iran and others are eating Lebanese flesh every day. In the south Sudan, a nation is in the process of being dismembered alive, and elsewhere, other problems and ugly realities emerge on a daily basis. Rich Arabs; poor Arabs; divided; disoriented; disorganised, some suffering physical famine others spiritual; none proud; all ashamed; all humiliated... these are other realities though mostly of our own making. Something must be done about all these realities: Those created by others and those created by ourselves.

A reconciliation leading to a political consensus, a united front on the major issues is something we expect. Egypt must be returned to the Arab fold and if the Arab World once reacted with anger against the Camp David agreements, the circumstances have drastically changed now. We can no longer afford to react or act ideologically, we must begin to act and react politically and rationally. Egypt's exclusion is neither rational nor can it be justified on at least two levels: One, in view of the current weakness

and dangerous exposure of the Arab World, militarily and otherwise in Egypt's absence and two, in view of its past as well as current positions on the major problems of the region. President Mubarak inherited a legacy not of his making and certainly not to his liking. He is not the late President Sadat. His, and Egypt's position vis-a-vis the international peace conference, the necessity of including the Palestine Liberation Organisation in any future negotiations, Egypt's stand on Lebanon as well as its position with regard to the Iran-Iraq war — all these factors make a rectification of the present estrangement an absolute necessity.

Surely the meeting of our leaders is in itself an event: An event that should be exploited to reconcile other major differences in the Arab World principally those between Syria and Iraq and those between Morocco and Algeria. Of course the gap is wide and the differences substantial, but in view of the greater danger facing the whole, and while each party maintains its claims for a future opportunity, the differences now must be bridged. The whole is bleeding everywhere rapidly sapping its strength and that of its component parts. Remember that there is a man-made famine in Lebanon: Lebanese die, Sudanese die, Palestinians die, Iraqis die and we too are slowly dying with them.

For a number of years now, King Hussein has been speaking out against the total collapse of the Arab security system. In his speech before the Egyptian Parliament on October 12, 1987, President Mubarak echoed the same thoughts. The imbalance, indeed the breakdown and thus the road to health and recovery cannot be effected without the submerging of particular interests and vendettas and the conclusion of reconciliation. That too is a reality.

40 Jewish groups versus the American Bill of Rights

By Richard Curtiss

WASHINGTON —

"Jewish activists were jubilant over the administration's decision...to close the Washington office of the PLO," wrote Larry Cohler, a writer for the publication Washington Jewish Week last month, two days after the State Department ordered the closure on Sept. 15 of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Palestine Information Office (PIO) in Washington.

"But [the Jewish activists] succeed in prodding a deeply divided

State Department to take the

unprecedented move came at the

price of an agreement to forswear

support for a congressional cam-

paign to close the PLO's New

York office as well.

"Some forty Jewish organiza-

tions pledged their commitmen-

to that deal at a ...meeting in

New York that was a key factor in

the State Department's willing-

ness to take the plunge."

It's a 'deal'

The "deal" described so acci-

ately above boils down to this:

Members of 40 American-Jewish

organisations are determined that

their fellow American citizens in

may bear only one side of the

Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

The reason is clear. When

Americans are asked whether

Palestinians, like Israelis, should

have a homeland of their own,

those who answer yes always

outnumber those who answer no.

That means some day Ameri-

cans are going to realise that for

the Palestinians to have that

homeland, the Israelis must move

out of it — specifically, the West

Bank and Gaza.

When the Israelis do, and Jeru-

salem is internationalised, the

Arab-Israeli dispute will be over.

No more excuse to ask the U.S.

taxpayer to keep a non-viable

Israel living at the standards to

which it has become accustomed.

Israelis will have to integrate their

economy into that of the Middle

East and start pulling their own

weight, or the world Jewish com-

munity, of course, American Jews

will have to make up the differ-

ence.

Those 40 Jewish organisations,

would much rather have things

stay as they are, with American

taxpayers making up the differ-

ence. That's why, with the PLO

unambiguously talking peace at

last, its information office in

Washington had to go.

It was to be done through

Congress, but presidential candi-

dates and other congressional

supporters of Israel were over-

zealous. They introduced bills

that also included closing the

PLO observer mission in New

York. That would involve the

U.S. telling the U.N. who could

and could not become a member.

The world organisation wouldn't

stand for it, and neither would

the majority of the American

people if they ever found out

what was going on.

Thus the "deal" with State —

"pre-emptive capitulation," as

one diplomat called it.

The State Department, which

had long refused to grant the

Palestine Information Office the

foreign-mission status that would

entitle it to diplomatic privileges

and State Department protec-

tion, suddenly granted it that

status. And then, exercising its

right to regulate foreign mis-

sions, State ordered the PLO to close within 30 days.

Flanked by an attorney from

the American Civil Liberties Uni-

on on one side and representa-

tives of Arab-American groups

on the other, PLO director Hasan

Abdel Rahman, an American citizen, illustrated the ridiculousness of the order at an overflow press conference the next day:

Ridiculous situation

"If I stand on the sidewalk and tell people that the PLO wants: peace, that's all right. If I come into this office, pick up the telephone, and tell anyone the same thing, that's not."

He vowed not to break the law, but instead to contest the legality of the State Department order.

When a shrewd journalist

asked whether he thought some



Arab cultural heritage in the U.S. celebrated in local ethnic festivals

The following article is reprinted from the Washington based ADC Times, published by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC).

ALL AROUND THE U.S. this summer, Arab-Americans were proudly celebrating their heritage at a number of Arab ethnic festivals. First, second and third generation Arabs from all over the Middle East were working together as Americans in an effort to preserve a similar culture and heritage. Individuals, businesses, religious and political groups donated time and money to make these functions a success.

Despite the often negative stereotypes of Arabs in the U.S. today, Arab ethnic festivals prove that many Arab-Americans are neither afraid nor ashamed to show their identities to the public. Offering a variety food, music, fashion shows and dancing, these festivals give thousands of Arab-Americans the chance to strengthen their cultural identities while sharing them with their communities.

Three Arab festivals are spotlighted in this issue for their unique contributions to their communities. Over 150,000 people gathered in Detroit on June 26-28 to attend the 16th Annual Arab World Festival, the largest Arab-American cultural event in North America. This year's theme was "One History-One Culture," to emphasise the common background, heritage and pride that Arab-Americans share.

More than 18 organisations and 200 individuals worked together to promote Arab culture through cooking and the arts. Included in the entertainment programme was the Yemeni Folklore Troupe, and in addition, musical instruments from the Arab World such as the *oud* and the *darbuka* were displayed and demonstrated by the Cultural Gallery.

Supported by Arab-American groups of Jordanian, Palestinian, Lebanese, Iraqi, Yemeni, and Syrian descent, the Arab World Festival attracts both assimilated and non-assimilated Arabs from

all over the Greater Detroit area. Jimana Judeh, the public relations director for the festival, described the event as "beautiful." Judeh is already working on next year's theme for the festival, which will focus primarily on assimilated Arab-Americans and their contributions to American society.

A few miles out of Detroit into the suburbs, Dearborn residents had their own celebration. Sponsored by the Arab Community Centre for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), the Arab Folk Festival, held on August 14-16, attracted over 10,000 people a night.

Festival-goers had the chance to sample some of the finest Arabic cuisine in the area, prepared by the community's finest restaurants. In addition, music and dancing were provided by a variety of musicians and dance troupes, including the Yemeni Folklore Troupe, Goldfinger, and *baladi* dancing by Aziza.

ACCESS also helped sponsor Arab folk art workshops during the festival, at which traditional Arab craftspeople demonstrated their skills of weaving, embroidery, calligraphy and storytelling.

Surrounded by heavy industry, Dearborn has a population made up mostly of non-assimilated Arab-Americans who first came to this country at the turn of the century. Dearborn's Ford Motor plant employed over 90,000 people in the 1930s-1940s, and the city became one of the most popular in America for Arab immigrants to get started. Even today, 3,000-10,000 Arabs still arrive in Dearborn each year.

According to Sally Howell, who chairs the entertainment committee for the Arab Folk Festival and is cultural arts coordinator for ACCESS, most of these immigrants settle in Dearborn as refugees, then once they become established, move to other areas around Detroit.

Howell's only complaint had to do with the small number of non-Arab participants at the festival. It is her belief that a strong anti-Arab feeling in the area contributes largely to this low attendance.

"I've overheard several people say, 'Why would I want to go hang out with a bunch of greasy, smelly Arabs?' These types of stereotypes still exist around here."

But in New Mexico, where nearly 40 per cent of the population is of Hispanic descent, there seems to be more tolerance for people of different ethnic backgrounds. At a recent Arab festival sponsored by the American-Arab federation of New Mexico this tolerance was apparent.

Attracting about 8,000 people of different ethnic backgrounds, the Arab Festival in Albuquerque on July 25 proved a huge success.

Sponsored by various members of the Jordanian, Palestinian, Lebanese, Egyptian and Syrian communities, six booths were set up at the town's civic plaza offering food, dancing, music, a

fashion show and belly dancing. In addition, ADC and the Federation had their own booths to attract new members and distribute literature.

The community's support of the festival was highlighted by special appearances by Congressman Manwell Lujan, Judge Bill Kerdan and Mayor Ken Schmitz.

According to ADC's Sharif Rabadi, who helped organise the event there was little or no anti-Arab prejudice in Albuquerque. "All people live here in peace on a daily basis," he said. "Jews, Arabs, Hispanics: We all live and work together."

He says the festival gives the Arab community a chance to show others a part of the world that they know little about. It also gives the rest of the community a chance to "learn by participation," he said.

Battling belly dance stereotype

THE "BELLY DANCE" as depicted in night clubs and films — a collection of sensual and provocative gyrations — is but a crude offshoot of a dance form that is both ancient and diverse.

It is generally accepted that belly dancing began some 3,500 years ago in the eastern Mediterranean region, probably Egypt, where it is seen and described in ancient paintings and sculpture. The characteristic rhythmic contractions of the belly dancer were, according to some writers, originally performed by women to aid a process.

According to Sarah Cummings of the University of Richmond, belly dancing "is not a dance done by prostitutes and sexually frustrated women. Instead, it is a form of creative expression. The dance 'symbolises rebirth and a woman's ability to bear children.'

The dance remained largely performed at weddings and birthdays until the Ottoman conquest of Arab lands in the early 16th century. According to one theory, it was at this point that the movements became exaggerated (and more skin revealed) to appear, or perhaps enhance, the prurient interests of feudal Ottoman lords. The dance lost much of its innocent sensuality as women began to be exploited as sex objects, and hence that which was promoted as "Arabic dance" bore little resemblance to its predecessor as practised in the villages. This in turn led to the association of the dance with immorality and as such its ritual aspect began to die out. It was even seen by some Arabs as unpatriotic to practise belly dancing because of the way in which the Ottoman occupiers had corrupted it on a large scale.

Many Arab-Americans object to the association of the *rags baladi* (native dance) with lewd and lascivious behaviour. Some see the image of the scantily clad woman pandering to an audience as reinforcing the stereotype of the Arab preoccupied with all things sexual when in fact, the dance as popularly practised has little or nothing to do with genuine Arab culture — ADC Times.

Kuwait boosts defences

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and said: "Jordan will remain committed to the U.N. Charter and will always be an advocate of love and welfare as well as adherence to the noble ideals embodied in the U.N. Charter. Jordan will also remain faithful to the U.N. message, which converges with our original Arab values and our monotheistic message."

The King also reviewed the historical background of the U.N., noting that its establishment followed World War II with the aim of establishing peace and working towards settling international problems through peaceful means. He also noted that the U.N. Charter includes the core of the "noble humanitarian goals which the world nations have always sought to achieve to provide optimal opportunities of life for the mankind and safeguard the future of new generations."

In a statement issued in Tunis on the occasion of the U.N.'s anniversary, which falls today, the Arab League called on the international community to shoulder its responsibility towards implementing U.N. resolutions on the Palestinian question,

new over Fayakah, before it blasted a tanker off Al Ahmadi. The weapon used then was believed to be a shoulder-fired, Soviet-made Strela, with a range of only three kilometres.

The Arab League expressed regret that the U.N. had been able to achieve peace in many parts of the world and criticised those regimes "which have stood as obstacles in the face of peace efforts in certain regions."

The Arab League assailed Israel for its oppressive measures against the Arabs under occupation, the Jewish state's occupation of part of Lebanon and its rejection of all peace efforts, including the Arab call for an international conference on the Middle East.

The Arab League statement deplored Iran's escalation of its war with Iraq and Tehran's rejection of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598.

Diplomats said the Iranian missile attack would top the agenda at a meeting in Saudi Arabia on Saturday of foreign ministers from the GCC, comprised of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

The United States also expressed diplomatic support for Kuwait but made clear it would go no farther in this case.

U.S. officials in Washington said there would be no military retaliation against Iran in this case because it was outside the rules of engagement for the U.S. military forces in the Gulf. "You know the rules," one Washington official told Reuters. "We protect U.S. shipping and U.S. forces."

The State Department said the Iranian missile attack against Kuwait amounts to naked aggression against a non-belligerent neighbour and calls for immediate attention from the international community.

"We condemn Iran's naked aggression and expect the international community will move urgently to address the situation," Phyllis Oakley, deputy department spokesman, told reporters.

"This is the third missile attack by Iran against Kuwait territory in a week and is the latest blatant Iranian aggression against a non-belligerent state," Oakley noted.

In calling for a quick response from the international community, Oakley reiterated that tension in the Gulf is caused by the Iran-Iraq war and stressed that United Nations Security Council Resolution 598, which demands an immediate ceasefire, "offers the best approach to ending the war through negotiations."

Moscow talks produce no progress on Mideast

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in the process during stops in Israel and Egypt earlier this week. He also met with King Hussein in London.

Efforts to bring about Mideast peace talks have stalled until now "and more and more the word has been uttered that we should form an international group to help them come together and bring peace," Mr. Reagan said.

Mr. Shamir on Friday denied reports that he was ready to enter peace talks under joint U.S. and Soviet sponsorship.

In a radio interview on Friday he said: "I cannot tolerate the word 'sponsorship.' We are not a protective state of anybody."

"I didn't say I give any specific role to the Soviet Union," he

said. "I told (former Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei) Gromyko some years ago we were willing to discuss the Middle East with them... if they held normal relations with us and changed their policy towards Jews."

He was referring to the Arab call for an international peace conference under the auspices of the two superpowers and the other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

The United States had initially opposed that route, reluctant to grant the Soviets a foothold in the peace process. In view of the continuing stalemate, "we finally have gone to explore that" option, Mr. Reagan said, "so far Israel prefers not to go that route."

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Superpowers fall short of full accord

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Mr. Shultz indicated the Soviet side had wanted at least an outline agreement on principles for a strategic nuclear arms and space weapons treaty to be ready for a summit.

In a clear reference to President Ronald Reagan's strategic defence initiative (SDI), Mr. Shultz said: "We will not give up our efforts to defend ourselves against ballistic missiles ... the president is very deter-

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JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — Oct. 24, 1987

10:20 The Love Boat

8:30 Just Good Friends

11:10 The Equalizer

Joyride

Mon. — Oct. 26, 1987

8:30 Kate and Allie

9:00 Doc — Communications Books

Penny feels that Vince is taking her for granted. So, with the help of her friend and colleague, Elaine, she decides to teach him a lesson.

9:00 Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film Oklahoma!

Starring:

Shirley Jones

Gordon MacRae

Eddie Albert

Rod Steiger

Gloria Grahame

No musical represents the Great American spirit like this elaborate and heartwarming Rodgers and Hammerstein classic. Unforgettable tunes such as "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" and "Oklahoma!" are woven through a dramatic and touching love story set in Indian territory (now the state of Oklahoma). Curly (Gordon MacRae) is a handsome cowboy who is in love with Laurey (Shirley Jones), a shy farm girl — but they're both too stubborn to admit it. When a hired hand (Rod Steiger) tries to make a play for Laurey, the fight for her attention ensues. But love wins out as Curly and Laurey drive off on their honeymoon in the "Surrey With The Fringe On Top."

10:20 Falcon Crest

Comundrum

10:20 Tusitala

Tue. — Oct. 27, 1987

8:30 Brush Strokes

Lionel is determined to end Jack's relationship with his daughter Lesley — but a chance meeting with brother Reg may just do the job for Jacko. But, of course, he does not know that.

9:10 Remington Steele

Premium Steele

10:20 Liszt

1811-1866

A portrait in music of the virtuous Romantic Pianist and composer, Franz Liszt, focusing on his final years and his last compositions, in particular *La lugubre Moldau*. The film first looks back on his illustrious life as a performer, court musical director, conductor and composer, travelling between Paris, Weimar and Rome — a figure so famous that his portrait was printed on soap and on ladies' gloves.

Wed. — Oct. 28, 1987

8:30 Valerie

9:10 Doc — Horses

10:20 Dorothy L. Sayers

Mysteries



Feature film — Oklahoma: Sat. at 10:20.

Have His Carcase

Part one

Lord Peter Wimsey has fallen in love with Harriet, but she, although immensely grateful to him, is still too upset by Philip's death and traumas of the trial to return his feelings. To hasten her recovery from the ordeal, she decides to go on a walking holiday in the West Country, but this proves to be far from restful.

Almost as soon as she arrives in Cornwall she discovers a body — a young man, with his throat cut, lying on the beach near a gentle watering-place. Harriet is sure he has been murdered, but all evidence points to suicide and the professionals believe he killed himself.

11:10 Haward Confessions

Thur. — Oct. 29, 1987

8:30 Life's Most Embarrassing Moments

9:10 Indelible Evidence

Gaslight

Douglas Scott, a physics lecturer, bicycled along a country lane at four o'clock in the morning. He had just murdered his wife, and was secretly returning two cylinders of carbon monoxide gas to his university. Six hours later he told the police that faulty gas appliances in their caravan had poisoned them both. It was a tragic accident and the police let him go. The following day, his wife was cremated, and Scott was sure he had committed the perfect crime. But the intervention of forensic scientist Dr. Les King

Ex-jockey gaoled for tax evasion

IPSWICH, England (AP) — Eleven-time former champion jockey Lester Piggott was jailed for three years Friday after pleading guilty to evading income tax on £3.1 million (\$5.1 million) of earnings.

A successful trainer since retiring from racing in 1985, 51-year-old Piggott was sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court, where prosecutor Anthony Hidden said the case involved a "massive evasion of corporation and income tax over a period of more than ten years."

The judge, Sir Donald Farquharson, said he could not overlook deliberate failure to report revenue when less affluent taxpayers were paying their taxes in full.

He fined Piggott "nominal" sums of £5,000 (\$8,350) on each of five charges.

Piggott, who rode some 5,000 winners around the world during a 38-year career and amassed a record 29 victories in the English classic races, sat impassively in the dock as Hidden described his "deliberate and persistent failure... to disclose to the Inland Revenue the true level of his

income, and that of his company L.K. Piggott Ltd."

No emotions

He showed no emotion when he heard the sentence.

The former jockey, who lives close to the famous Newmarket Racecourse in south-east England, also had failed to declare business interests in the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, the Isle of Man, Jersey and Dublin, Hidden said.

"This defendant is a household name in Britain and elsewhere, and he had a magnificent career in racing, and it is sad that he should find himself here in the Crown Court facing serious charges," Hidden said.

Chances run out

Piggott had escaped prosecution

Revenue investigations after agreeing to repay the money he had not declared. A settlement was reached in 1983 with the Inland Revenue on basis that Piggott had made a full disclosure of his tax affairs, the prosecutor said.

"Sadly, he had not," Hidden told the judge. "Settlement was made on a false basis. He failed to reveal the true extent of his income."

"It has regrettably to be said there is a theme running through his dealings with the Inland Revenue. His persistent failure to make a disclosure of his income to the Inland Revenue on a number of occasions, and subsequent investigations have shown his disclosures were very far from the truth."

Hidden said Piggott had repaid the Inland Revenue the full amount of unpaid tax and interest.

But he had not revealed a full picture of his undisclosed income until December 1986, months after the Inland Revenue investigation started, Hidden told the

court.

Defence lawyer John Mathew said that although Piggott was an incomparable genius on horseback who had dominated his profession for 30 years, he found it difficult to communicate largely because of deafness since birth and a speech impediment.

"Away from horses, he is a man of limited intellectual capacity... which may well have been lowered more in recent years by a degree of brain damage resulting from head injuries caused by substantial bad falls," Mathew told the judge.

Thrifty person

He described Piggott as thrifty person, who looked after every penny. He never spent any of the money that should have been paid in tax and it was all there in the end, Mathew said.

"He was a hoarder, not a spender and, in reality, he did not really need the money," Mathew told the judge. "He now finds his conduct in respect of these matters really impossible to explain."



THE TALLEST HITS THE BALL: Ramtha's defender Mohammad Khazalei leaps to head the ball off his team's net in Premier League heat against Adduftein. The match, played Friday at the Irbid Stadium, ended with a 1-1 draw. A

scheduled soccer tie within the same championships between Amman and Al Hussein Clubs was postponed Friday due to heavy rains in Amman (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Gymnasts

risk too much at injury-ridden championships

ROTTERDAM (R) — American Tim Daggett's broken leg and a spate of other injuries to stars at the World Gymnastics Championships this week have provoked arguments that the sport is becoming too risky as competitors strive for perfection.

"Some of the gymnastics is getting crazy out there," said another United States team member, Scott Johnson, after Daggett broke two bones in a freak accident on Thursday when making what looked to be a perfect landing from a vault.

"It is almost inhuman what is going on," Johnson added.

Daggett, a member of the American gold medal-winning men's team at the 1984 Olympics Games, is one of several top gymnasts who have hurt themselves trying spectacular but difficult vaults and dismounts during the competition here.

In the same session of the men's team competition, China's Li Ning was forced to pull out of two exercises after twisting his right ankle in a vault landing.

European champion Valery Lyukin was carried off the high bar platform by the Soviet coach after aggravating a foot injury dismounting with a triple back somersault.

"Tim's accident was unlucky but there are going to be more and more injuries as people keep trying more," said Johnson, who himself took part in the team event despite a foot injury.

Since the gymnastics boom of the 1970s, the sport has become more acrobatic with increasingly complex movements introduced at almost every major championships.

Reid takes lead in Tucson Open golf tourney

TUCSON, Arizona (AP) — Mike Reid is not overly concerned with his unusual position on the PGA tour: He's collected more than \$1 million in career earnings without winning a tournament.

"It seems like that's all anybody wants to ask me about," the American said Thursday after an 8-under-par 64 had provided him with the lead in the uncompleted first round of the \$600,000 Tucson Open Golf Tournament.

Ten players were stranded by darkness on the new TPC course at Star Pass and were unable to complete their rounds. They were scheduled to return at daylight Friday to finish first-round play. None appeared to have any chance of overtaking Reid.

"I just keep plugging along. Someday it's going to happen," joked Reid, who led through 14 rounds in the Westchester Classic.

"I manhandled them," he

joked. "I don't usually play the par-5s like that. It was kind of fun."

'Lucky' Real targets 8th league triumph

MADRID (R) — Real Madrid seeking their eighth consecutive Spanish League victory, must recover quickly from their lucky but exhausting European Cup win over Porto before playing Valencia at home on Sunday.

A last minute goal by Manuel Sanchez gave Real a 2-1 edge Wednesday night over the Portuguese champions, who gave them more problems than any team they had played previously this season.

"I'm shattered and that's natural. You have to remember that we had to put in a double effort when we were 1-0 down," said Real's Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez, who scored the equaliser.

Valencia, fourth in the league, have been one of Spain's strongest teams this season and this could be the match where Real lose their magic touch.

Barcelona, beginning a slow recovery and fourth from bottom

then faded to fourth with a poor last round earlier this season.

"It's not so terrible," he said. "You have to keep your priorities in order. It isn't an unpleasant life. No one put a gun to your head and forced you to come out here. It's a pretty good life."

"I'm doing the best I can, and I think I ought to just be happy to be able to do that," Reid said.

"Of course, winning is something I'd like to do. It'll happen. In time. Sometime. It'll happen," he said.

He took a step in that direction with the bogey-free effort that included an unusual mastery of the par-5 holes for the short-hitting Reid, who weighs just 150 pounds (68 kilograms). He birdied them all.

About half the field of 159 was under par, but Tom Watson was not among them. He could do no better than 72. U.S. Open champion Scott Simpson was three shots higher at 75.

The new course, being played

in tournament competition for the first time, was no match for golf's touring pros who took advantage of mild temperatures and gentle desert breezes to make a mockery of par.

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But the highlight match in Italy

is between second-placed Roma and Napoli. Diego Maradona, returned from a two-week rest and diet cure in northern Italy, trained with the Napoli squad looking fit and relaxed but midfielder Salvatore Bagni is still suffering from a painful knee problem and may not play.

Roma will probably be without West German striker Rudi Voeller, who has a back injury and has been undergoing treatment in Germany.

Napoli tops table

In Italy, League leaders Napoli are the only top team not smarting from a poor performance in European competition on Wednesday — but only because they were knocked out of the European Cup by Real Madrid in the first round.

Real like Wall Street

Both Milan teams lost at home to modest opponents. A.C. Milan's 2-0 defeat to Espanol of Spain and Internazionale's 1-0 loss to Turin of Finland prompted a headline in the main sports paper Gazzetta dello Sport: "Milan like Wall Street."

On Sunday A.C. Milan are away to Verona — the only Italian side who did not lose in

Saturday between the top two — Monaco and Nantes, neither having been involved in this week's European action.

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India beats Aussies

In New Delhi, India overcame a stiff challenge from Australia to win by 56 runs in their Group A second round match here Thursday.

Chasing India's highest World Cup score of 289 for six wickets, the Australian batsmen began in

right earnest, scoring 86 for the first wicket.

However, after the dismissal of Geoff Marsh and David Boon they went into a shell. The repeated successes of the Indian bowlers put additional pressure on the Australians, and their middle order collapsed.

India will retain cricket's

World Cup by beating Pakistan in the final in Calcutta on Nov. 8, says an Indian astrologer.

Girdharilal Sarao said he had

studied the teams' horoscopes

based on an interaction of the sun's rays with the elements.

"Using this formula I have suc-

cessfully predicted earthquakes,

hurricanes, and other natural

calamities," said Sarao.

New Zealand edges

Zimbabwe in cricket

CALCUTTA (Agencies) — New Zealand again made heavy weather of beating Zimbabwe in a Group A World Cup match here on Friday, needing an heroic 88 not out by their captain Jeff Crowe to see them home by four wickets with 14 balls to spare.

Watched by an Eden Gardens crowd of 50,000, more than any number of the players can have performed in front of before, New Zealand reached 228 for six off the fourth ball of the 48th over after Zimbabwe had made a modest 227 for five.

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Roche competes in Tokyo road race

TOKYO (AP) — Led by Stephen Roche of Ireland, this year's winner of the Tour de France, the world's most prestigious cycling race, a field of 50 cyclists will compete in an international road race in Japan in November, organisers said Friday. The race, dubbed "Super Critérium 87" will be held on the government-run Showa Memorial Park in Tokyo, Nov. 22, they said. The cyclists from 10 nations — France, Italy, Ireland, Belgium, Spain, the Netherlands, Colombia, Japan, South Korea and China are expected to compete in the race, Japan's first such kind of race, according to the organisers.

'Sugar Baby' to make first title defence

MIAMI (R) — Jesus "Sugar Baby" Rojas of Colombia will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) super flyweight title, for the first time, in a 12-round bout against Argentine Gustavo Ballas here on Saturday. Rojas has held the crown since August 8 when he defeated Santos Laci of Argentina by unanimous decision.

He said Thursday: "I still don't feel like the world champion." "When I make four or five successful defences, I'll start to realise what I have accomplished." The 25-year-old Colombian, who now fights out of Miami, has a record of 30-0-1 with 18 knockouts during his five years as a professional.

New sponsor for Europe's richest horse race

PARIS (R) — Italian hotel group CIGA signed a six-year agreement on Thursday to sponsor the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Europe's richest horse race. CIGA (Compagnia Italiana dei Grandi Alberghi), which takes over the sponsorship from British hotel group Trusthouse Forte, provides 25 million francs (\$4.12 million) under the accord with the Societe d'Encouragement, governing body of French horse racing. The agreement runs from 1988 to 1993 with a renewal option.

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The IOC has been talking to the two sides since 1985 in an effort to stave off Pyongyang's threat to organise a Communist boycott of the games.

North Korea has been offered archery, tennis, women's volleyball, the men's 100 km (60-mile) cycle road race and one soccer preliminary round, but has rejected that as insufficient.

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Indian troops nibble away at guerrilla-held Jaffna

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Indian soldiers and armour were pressing to extend their authority in Jaffna on Friday after seizing a wide swath of the south western section of the Sri Lankan port town, a Tamil rebel stronghold.

Indian sources said troops from the occupied areas were advancing along a broad front to link up with units from the opposite direction in a pincer movement aimed at crushing rebel resistance.

More than half of India's estimated 20,000 troops in Sri Lanka have been thrown into the battle for Jaffna but after two weeks of fierce fighting only 30 to 40 per cent of the town's real estate have fallen under their control.

Indian officials have estimated at about 2,500 the number of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas defending the battle-scarred town.

Sri Lankan military officers reported intermittent firing in Jaffna on Friday but no details were immediately available on the progress of the Indian advance.

An Indian High Commission (embassy) official told reporters on Thursday that troops had taken control of the Jaffna Hospital, railway station and bazaar and key government offices.

"We now control large sections of town," the official said. She declined to give an estimate in percentage terms but pointed to a map which indicated about one-third of the town had been seized.

India, with a big Tamil population of its own, sent troops to enforce a July 29 Indo-Sri Lankan pact aimed at ending four years of fighting between the island's minority Tamils and majority Sinhaltes.

Indian casualties so far have been given as 129 killed, 383 wounded and 27 missing in action and rebel losses at more than 600 killed and nearly 300 captured.

LTTE guerrillas have so far ignored renewed Indian appeals on them to surrender their arms.

A Sri Lankan journalist who spent two weeks in Jaffna with the rebels said LTTE suicide squads have been raised to slow down the Indian advance to allow main units to melt away.

A land mine killed four Indian soldiers and injured six others Friday near the eastern city of Batticaloa, police said.

The blast occurred when an army truck hit the mine in Kallada, just south of Batticaloa, a Sri Lankan official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said the mine appeared to be the work of the LTTE.

The mine attack brought the Indian death toll in Sri Lanka to 133 since Oct. 10 when the

peacekeeping force launched the offensive in Jaffna.

The Tigers have forces in the Batticaloa region, where Tamils comprise a third of the population.

Shops in Batticaloa were shuttered and people stayed off the streets Friday after militant Tamils called for a general strike to protest the presence of the Indian Peacekeeping Force, residents said.

Tamil-language posters were put up Thursday urging people to remain home Friday.

A member of the Batticaloa Citizens' Committee, contacted by telephone, said the posters were signed by a little-known group called the People's Front.

The posters accused Indian troops of confiscating people's possessions and of molesting women, said the committee man, a Tamil who insisted on anonymity.

The posters also claimed Indian soldiers went on a rampage last week after a land mine killed some of their comrades.

An Indian diplomat in Colombo, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, denied the posters' charges and said the front was set up by Tiger guerrillas.

More than 6,000 people, mostly members of the Sinhalese majority, have been killed since 1983 when Tamil rebels launched a war for a separate state.

Aquino vows not to abandon troops

DAVAO CITY, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino told hundreds of troops Friday that "I will not abandon you" during a visit to a military garrison whose members were sympathetic to leaders of a coup attempt.

Mrs. Aquino flew by helicopter to a camp of the elite Scout Rangers after arriving in Davao City, about 975 kilometres south of Manila, for a one-day trip. It was her longest venture from the capital since the Aug. 28 coup attempt.

Troops who attended the meeting were disarmed, and the rifles of the 20-member honour guard at the helipad were unloaded. An officer who asked not to be identified said security officials wanted to "prevent accidental firing."

President spokesman Teodoro Benigno said security would be doubled for the trip after press reports that rebel soldiers would try to kill or kidnap the president and launch a nationwide uprising.

The 54-year-old president told some 200 soldiers that she had been warned her life would be in danger if she visited their camp, about 70 kilometres north of this sprawling Mindanao Island city.

"I paid no regard to that because my duty is to see to it that the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines are well taken care of and that their needs are met," she said.

"Please know that the commander-in-chief is well aware of the hardships and sufferings you are undergoing," she added. "And I want you to know that I will not abandon you, ever. I will take care of you and your needs."

The leader of the August coup attempt, Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, served as training officer at a special school for Scout Rangers in central Luzon, where he launched the most serious challenge yet to topple Mrs. Aquino.

Col. Honasan and other military opposition leaders have complained that Mrs. Aquino favoured Communist rebels and had abandoned the armed forces.

On Thursday, the Manila Times said the military learned of a plot to kidnap or kill Mrs. Aquino during the visit.

5 Soviet generals die in helicopter crash

MOSCOW (R) — Five Soviet generals died in a helicopter crash on Monday, the armed-forces newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda reported on Friday.

The dead included Col.-Gen. Vladimir Shutov, a senior official of the General Staff.

The others were named as Maj.-Gen. Erilen Porfiriev and Vladimir Bardashevsky and Lt.-Gen. Kirill Trofimov and Yuri Ryabinin.

The newspaper gave no details of the crash. In separate obituaries, it said each man died "in an aviation catastrophe on Oct. 19 while fulfilling his official duties."

Captain Alexei Gurenkov, the helicopter's pilot, and his mechanic, First Lieutenant Alexander Gorcharov, also died in the crash, Krasnaya Zvezda said.

The obituaries of the generals were signed by Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Sergei Akhromeyev and other top Soviet military leaders.

In a front-page box rimmed in black, the newspaper said the Defence Ministry and the main political directorates of the Soviet army and navy had sent condolences to the families of the officers.

Western analysts said the report that the generals had died in an air crash reflected Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "glasnost" policy of greater openness in the news.

Salvadorean rebels 'show little interest' in peace

CARACAS (R) — A second day of peace talks between El Salvador's government and leftist guerrillas ended on Thursday with the government accusing the rebels of showing little interest to end the eight-year-old civil war.

Government delegate Alejandro Duarte, son of Salvadorean President Jose Napoleon Duarte, told reporters the guerrillas' posture had deadlocked the talks prior to a Nov. 7 deadline for a ceasefire in the Central American peace plan.

"The guerrillas have little interest in rapidly arriving at an accord," he said.

One proof of this, he said, was that the guerrillas wanted to discuss general peace terms, including a suspension in U.S. aid to El Salvador and power-sharing arrangements, before negotiating a ceasefire.

Reports on the deaths of military officials in the past have stopped short of giving any details of the circumstances.

In 1985, Krasnaya Zvezda reported that a group of senior air force officers had died "tragically" while fulfilling their duties, but did not say how many were killed or how they died.

Western diplomats said at that time that the wording suggested they had died in an accident, possibly an air crash.

Gen. Shutov, 63, had held his senior general staff post since 1975, was the highest-ranking of those killed.

He began his military career during World War II, becoming commander of a machine-gun unit, and held two orders of the Red Banner, the highest military decoration.

General Trofimov, 66, had served as deputy chief of communications for the entire Soviet Armed Forces since 1977.

A lieutenant-general, his rank put him second to Shutov in the hierarchy of the crash victims. In the Soviet Military, Lieutenant-Generals rank higher than major-generals.

General Protoprev, 51, was chief of staff of the southern group of forces, based in Hungary, one of the seven members of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance.

Generals Ryabinin, 53, and Bardashevsky, 49, were both general staff officers.

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Iraq approves execution of 3 policemen

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has signed a decree ratifying a court's decision to execute three policemen for robbing a house in Baghdad, newspapers reported on Thursday. The decree said a police officer and two subordinates stole a video machine and gold ornaments, and used their official police car to make their getaway. Iraq decided after the outbreak of war with Iran seven years ago that convicted robbers would face the death penalty.

Egypt suspends licences to new belly dancers

CAIRO (AP) — Belly dancing is as old as Egypt, but the government has decided enough is enough. It has stopped issuing licences to the women who wiggle and shake for a living. It's pretty much a matter of numbers, said Farouk Salem, director of the Culture Ministry's Artistic Control Department. There are just too many belly dancers. The decision "was prompted by the judgment that the number of licensed belly dancers still in the business is enough, and there is no need for more," Mr. Salem said.

Egyptian belly dancing is rooted in Pharaonic times, and engravings on ancient tomb walls show women performing the art. Many scholars contend the name comes not from movements of the dancer's body but as a corruption by early British travellers of the word "balady," or native. Until the mid-1950s, belly dancers wore revealing costumes that displayed bare midriffs and much leg. President Jamal Abdul Nasser, who overthrew the monarchy in 1952, ordered that henceforth, midriffs must be covered. That edict remains in force. Additionally, many belly dancers have begun in recent years alternating between the traditional costume and the flowing galabia of rural Egypt, adding a tight belt just below the waist to accentuate hip movements. Mr. Salem told the Associated Press the unpublicised licence-suspension order was issued about six months ago. He said almost 1,000 women now hold licences, but only about half perform professionally. "About half the dancers have retired or given up temporarily for various reasons — age, health, figure or family reasons such as marriage and bearing children," Mr. Salem said.

Generals Ryabinin, 53, and Bardashevsky, 49, were both general staff officers.

Mr. Held said he did not know when the current talks in the Venezuelan capital would end.

No rebel official could be reached for comment on Thursday night at the site of the negotiations inside the Fuerte Tiuna military base, which houses Venezuela's armed forces command.

But guerrilla spokesmen said at the start of the talks that the United States, El Salvador's main financier and arms supplier, should end its aid of \$1.5 million per day to the government in San Salvador.

David Bowie accused of rape

DALLAS (R) — A 30-year-old woman has accused British rock star David Bowie of raping her at an all-night party during his recent concert tour here, police officials have said. Dallas Police Department spokesman Hollis Edwards said that after investigating the case for more than a week, police found insufficient evidence to file charges and referred the case to a grand jury which will decide if there are grounds for an indictment. Edwards said the woman complained that the incident took place on Oct. 10 in Bowie's room at the exclusive mansion on Turtle Creek hotel in Dallas following an all-night party. The woman, who said she was invited to the party by friends, filed her complaint with the police on Oct. 12 after consulting a doctor. Bowie, 40, is in Australia on the last leg of a tour that began last spring in Rotterdam. Bowie's spokesman, Joe Dera, told Reuters by telephone from New York that the rock star strongly denied the charges and had issued the following statement: "It is both ridiculous and ironic that this woman, whom I met at a party in Dallas on Friday night Oct. 9, and spent the evening with, should bring these false and outrageous charges. I can only assume that she is seeking to turn this into a media event to gain attention to herself by making these patently untrue charges."

Burglar nabbed in 'textbook case'

PROVIDENCE (AP) — The unmarked door that an intruder tried to break into led to a burglar-alarm company's office — and the company's product worked, police said. That wasn't the burglar's only mistake. The offices of Sonitrol Security Systems are right across from police headquarters, and the alleged burglar was in custody within minutes. "It was great," said Robert Lee, vice president of Sonitrol, who called it a "textbook case" of how burglar alarms are supposed to work. Frederick L. Robinson, 27, of Providence, was charged with breaking and entering after his arrest, police said.

Japan has strong yen for old masters

TOKYO (R) — Japan imported paintings worth a record 73.4 billion yen (\$509.7 million) in the first eight months of this year, including Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflowers, a customs official said on Friday. The official said the art imports had already exceeded the previous annual record of 68.9 billion yen (\$478 million) set in 1973. He attributed the sharp rise in art imports to the strong yen and an increasing Japanese interest in collecting art due to low local bank saving deposit rates. The official said the boom in importing famous paintings was expected to continue. The insurance company which bought the Sunflowers painting in March for 5.3 billion yen (\$36.8 million) has put it on display in its Tokyo Museum.

Nancy Reagan leaves hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — First Lady Nancy Reagan has left the hospital heading back to the White House with her husband, President Ronald Reagan, and a prognosis for a complete recovery from breast cancer surgery. Six days after entering Bethesda Naval Hospital in suburban Washington, Mrs. Reagan emerged from the hospital with her husband for a short ride to the hospital helicopter pad and the flight to the White House. Mrs. Reagan stepped from the presidential limousine and walked with some hesitance to the helicopter, Marine One. She said nothing, but waved with her husband to those nearby as she boarded the craft. The first lady, following the removal of her cancerous left breast on Saturday, has been given a clean bill of health and has been told she has an "excellent" chance for a complete recovery because the malignancy had not spread.

Lost man reappears with memory problem

TOKYO (R) — A 28-year-old man who went missing at the seaside more than two years ago telephoned his family from the other side of Japan but could not recall what he had done since his disappearance. Police said on Wednesday that Kenichi Kenmochi, a government official, telephoned his home eight days ago from the southern island of Okinawa. It was the first time his family had heard from him since he went missing off Ishigaki beach in August 1985 at Niigata, northern Japan, 1,500 kilometres from Okinawa. Kenmochi said he remembered going to the beach by car to go swimming with his friends but could not recall what he had done since then and why and how he had got to Okinawa, a police official said. He quoted Kenmochi as saying he suddenly remembered who he was and that he had a family during a coughing fit in the water off a Okinawa beach on Oct. 11. Kenmochi's father Koichi, 58, who met his son last Wednesday at an Okinawa hotel, was quoted as saying Kenmochi's hair style and face were virtually unchanged. Police earlier believed he had drowned because his clothes and belongings were found on the beach and because no other traces of him were discovered in a six-day search.

Thick fog still shrouds Moscow airports

MOSCOW (R) — Moscow was engulfed by thick fog for the sixth day on Friday, preventing air travel and clogging the capital's airports with thousands of stranded passengers.

An employee of Aeroflot, the Soviet national airline, said a few planes took off on Friday morning from Sheremetyevo International Airport but no landings were allowed.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda reported that about

500 foreign tourists had been stranded since Monday in Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan in Soviet Central Asia.

It said a special train left Tashkent for Moscow on Thursday with 800 people on board, out of more than 2,000 travellers waiting for flights to Moscow.

Up to 35,000 people have been camping out in Moscow airports since the fog descended on Sunday morning, they said.

India ends drug row with Nigeria, recovers airliner

LAGOS (R) — India has decided to close a damaging chapter in relations with Nigeria by paying a huge fine to recover a civilian airliner involved in a cocaine smuggling case.

Details of a settlement negotiated quietly by the two governments emerged on Thursday.

The plane, which had been under threat of confiscation, and three accused Air India crew members, who had faced long prison sentences if convicted, left Lagos a few hours later.

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold
♦10652 ♠8875 ♣J83 ♦47

The bidding has proceeded

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold
♦A9863 ♠4992 ♣AKQ172 ♦AJ76

Your right-hand opponent opens

the bidding with one spade. What

action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold
♦Q10762 ♠J864 ♣77 ♦A98

The bidding has proceeded

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 NT Pass

What do you bid now?